

The Public Service Commission has indicated that effective April 1, 1993, all those with valid results as of this date will receive an automatic extension of two years to the existing validity period.

If you have been accorded an exemption from having to take language tests by the Public Service Commission, your results are valid for an indeterminate period.

### **Abroad**

While on assignment abroad, your Second Language Evaluation results remain valid for the duration of your assignment abroad.

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## **13. Second Language Evaluation**

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The Second Language Evaluation (SLE) is an instrument used for the assessment of your level of competency in your second official language. It is composed of three parts: reading, writing, and oral interaction.

Proficiency levels are:

- Level A - minimum
- Level B - intermediate
- Level C - maximum

Level "C", in all three skills, is the level required for Foreign Service Officers recruited since 1987. Level "B", in all three skills, is the minimum level required for other rotational employees to be considered bilingual for their group and level.